UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST

AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area described in this order and as shown in Exhibit A, within the Shoshone National Forest between December 16th and May 15th annually.

- 1. Possessing or using any motorized vehicle, including over snow vehicles, off forest development roads. 36 CFR 261.56
- 2. Possessing or using any motorized vehicle, including over snow vehicles on forest development roads. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
- 3. Possessing or using any motorized vehicle, including over snow vehicles on forest development trails. 36 CFR 261.55(b)

The area closed by this order includes those commonly known as East Fork Basin, Alkali Basin, Button Draw, Waynes Hole, Bear Creek Canyon, Windy Gap, and Spring Mountain.

This action provides for the protection of crucial elk winter range and is done in cooperation with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Cody Wyoming this 27th day of April 1999.

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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

Title 16 USC Section 551

This order supersedes Special Order No. 94-002 dated October 15, 1993 and is in effect until rescinded.